

REMARKS

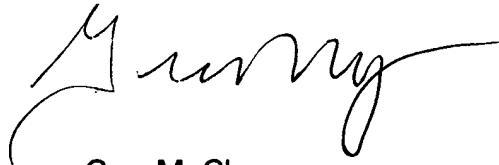
The pending claims have been rejected based on double patenting. Submitted herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome the rejection and a PTO Form 2038 for the Disclaimer Fee. Also submitted herewith is a copy of the Assignment of this application to Varco I/P, Inc. on whose behalf the Terminal Disclaimer is executed (and a copy of the Recordation sheet with which this Assignment was submitted for recordation today).

Conclusion

Submitted herewith is a Petition for an Extension of One Month to reply to this Office Action.

Applicants appreciate the careful and detailed Office Action. This is intended to be a complete Response to the Office Action. Early and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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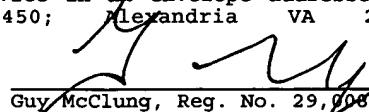
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